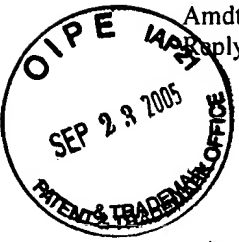



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This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of April 21, 2005. A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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